GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Rapid Rail
Ram Mohan Naidu Shri Kinjarapu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started work towards establishing rapid rail and road connectivity between the new proposed capital of Andhra Pradesh and Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad and other cities in the region;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed timeline of the activities to be undertaken, budgetary support provided for it, funding received so far, and the timeline for receiving the remaining funding; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. A Reconnaissance Engineering Cum Traffic Survey (RETS) for new line between Vijayawada and Guntur via Amravati (106.30 km) was included in the Budget for the year 2016-17. The survey has since been completed by RVNL. This project has now been included in Budget 2017-18 subject to obtaining requisite approval. Also proposal for doubling of Guntur - Guntakal (401.470 km) project at an anticipated cost of `3631.07 crore to be funded through cost sharing of 50:50 by State Government and Railway has been included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to approval of Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs(CCEA).
Completion of project depends upon several factors including complete handing over of encumbrance-free land by the State Government, shifting of utilities etc. As most of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, target date for completion of the above projects has not been fixed.
So far Road connectivity is concerned, information is being collected from Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and will be laid on the Table of the House.
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